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SUBJECT: NEW AI OUTBREAK IN POULTRY IN BURMA'S BAGO DIVISION

REF: RANGOON 709

¶1. (SBU) Burmese Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department (LBVD) officials informed us on October 22 that between October 18-19, approximately 500 quail died on two private farms in Thanatpin Township, Bago Division (75 miles north of Rangoon). Bago Division LBVD Deputy Director and staff conducted tests with Rapid Test Kits on October 18 and found the dead birds to be Type A positive for AI. Officials sent samples to the Central Veterinary Lab in Rangoon for further PCR testing. On October 19, LBVD confirmed that the birds tested positive for H5N1. This is the second case of AI in Bago Division this year; the last case occurred on a farm in Letpadan Township in July (Reftel).

¶2. (SBU) According to LBVD officials, local officials responded quickly on October 19, implementing the GOB's AI biosecurity measures. They culled the remaining 2,800 chickens, destroyed 838 quail eggs and 53 kilos of quail feed, and decontaminated the farms. Authorities quarantined the two farms, and imposed a restricted zone within a one kilometer radius and a control zone of three kilometers. The local government has also prohibited the movement of poultry and poultry products within the township. Officials continue to monitor the health of humans and poultry in the restricted area. LBVD believes that the disease is contained, and LBVD Deputy Director Dr. Than Htun and Bago Division Livestock Federation Chairman U Aung Win traveled to Thanatpin Township, met with local authorities, and updated local LBVD officials about disease prevention and control measures.

¶3. (SBU) Officials have not yet determined the source of the virus and do not suspect any human cases.

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